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1. AT INFORMAL PERMREP SESSION OCTOBER 22ND TO DISCUSS GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS, ESCAP EXSEC MARAMIS SUDDENLY APPEARED WITH STAFF AND PROCEEDED DISCUSS ESCAP ACTIVITIES AS THEY RELATE TO UNCTAD IV AND RESULTS OF GA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. INDONESIAN REP APPARENTLY INVITED MARAMIS.

2. LONG DISCUSSION BY TWO DIVISION CHIEFS FOR TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (PROK AND HIRONO) REVEALED SECRETARIAT PLANS PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL VIEWS ON UNCTAD IV CONFERENCE UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6 OF UPCOMING ESCAP TRADE COMMITTEE. FOCUS OF ATTENTION WILL BE ON TRADE AND SHIPPING POLICY BUT REGIONAL COMMODITY POLICIES, BASED ON THREE EXPERT GROUP REPORTS ON RAW MATERIALS (SEE BANGKOK A-261) MAY ALSO BE DISCUSSED BY HIRONO. HE ALSO PROMISED PROVIDE SUMMARY OF REGIONAL COMMODITY POLICIES AT NEXT FORMAL PERMREP MEETING NOVEMBER 21ST.

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3. PROK REMARKED THAT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AND COORDINATION ASIAN LDC TRADE POLICIES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AT TRADE COMMITTEE SESSION OR ELSE ASIAN VOICE WILL BE DROWNED OUT AT NAIROBI. JAPANESE, HOWEVER, FELT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION UNCTAD IV AT ESCAP MAY BE PREMATURE BECAUSE OF MEETINGS OF G-77 AND ASIAN GROUP PLANNED LATER FOR JAKARTA AND MANILA. SOME SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS SHARED JAPANESE VIEWS AND POINTED TO UPCOMING ESCAP 32ND SESSION IN JAKARTA MARCH 1976 AS PROPER PLACE TO DETERMINE REGIONAL POSITIONS PRIOR UNCTAD IV.

4. RECOMMENDATION: USDEL FOR TRADE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE PREPARED COMMENT SUBSTANTIVELY ON UNCTAD IV AND RESULTS GA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.
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